

said means for energizing comprising a base that extends across said array and that includes a plurality of electric heating elements associated one with each of said energizable devices,

said means for energizing further comprising control means for directing electric current into selected ones of said plurality of electric heating elements to energize said selected ones of said energizable devices.

Please cancel claim 28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 33-35 as follows:

33. An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said MEMS device includes a substrate on which is formed a plurality of electric heating elements, the electric heating elements being energizable to cause actuation of said protection device.

34. An apparatus as set forth in claim 33 wherein each of said plurality of electric heating elements has an associated pyrotechnic charge, said plurality of electric heating elements being selectively energizable, energizing of an electric heating element igniting said associated pyrotechnic charge.

35. An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said MEMS device includes at least one micromechanical component.